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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing in support of Microsoft's antitrust settlement with the federal government. I think it was fair and reasonable.

I also think Microsoft's willingness to grant computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows so as to promote non-Microsoft software programs that compete with programs included within Windows, and their willingness not to retaliate against computer makers who ship software that competes with anything in its Windows operating system, or against software of hardware developers who develop that also competes with Windows or that runs on software that competes with Windows, is was a huge concession by Microsoft.

In closing, I hope this settlement will be approved so Microsoft can get back to the business of innovation. Thank you very much.

With sincere regards for an innovative American future,


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